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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**TENTATIVE STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
DISCHARGE OF WASTES AT COMPOST MANAGEMENT UNITS**

**SACRAMENTO**

Monday, August 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
State Water Resources Control Board, Sierra Hearing Room (2nd Floor)  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Directions at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

*This meeting will be webcast and available on the Internet.*

See: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

**RIVERSIDE**

Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Santa Ana Regional Water Board, Highgrove Room (2nd Floor), Suite 200  
3737 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501-3348

Directions at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/about\\_us/office\\_location\\_map.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/about_us/office_location_map.shtml)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold public workshops to receive input on the statewide tentative *General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Wastes at Compost Management Units* (Order).

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the workshop. No action will be taken by the State Water Board at the workshop.

The State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (collectively the Water Boards) are required to protect the quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the state. The California Water Code requires that anyone who discharges waste that could affect waters of the state must submit a report of waste discharge. Current practice is to issue individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for larger composting facilities. A conditional waiver for “green waste-only” composting facilities was in effect from 1994 until 2003, when a change in law required all waivers to be either renewed or replaced with WDRs. Currently, the State Water Board is considering the adoption of the Order, which would address water quality protection at compost management units that currently exist or may be constructed.

The Water Boards do not have the ability to waive requirements on discharges to surface waters subject to the federal Clean Water Act. For discharges to surface waters, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits may be required to address either stormwater or wastewater discharges.

### **AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED DOCUMENTS**

The tentative Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) may be obtained after August 6, 2012, via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/compost/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/). Individuals may also receive a copy by writing to: Mr. Roger Mitchell, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340, or by contacting Mr. Mitchell at (858) 467-2724, FAX: (858) 571-6972, or e-mail: [rmitchell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmitchell@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AND MATERIALS**

Written comments and materials must be received by **12:00 noon on September 12, 2012** and should be submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commenters are encouraged to submit written comments and any written materials electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Compost Order”**

Persons delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel on the first floor of the Joe Serna, Jr.-Cal/EPA Building at the above address. Questions on comment submittals may be directed to Ms. Townsend, at (916) 341-5600.

After the written comment deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments or materials on the draft documents.

### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY - SACRAMENTO**

There is a parking garage across from the Joe Serna, Jr.-Cal/EPA Building with a public entrance at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and I Streets, and metered parking spaces are in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

A Web broadcast of the Sacramento meeting only, will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. A teleconference line, for both meetings, has been arranged for members of the public to participate by phone. The call-in number for these meetings is (877) 932-8821, participant code: 3684515.

Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to Voice (800) 735-2929, Voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge to attend any meeting in the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Joe Serna, Jr.-Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, then proceed to the Sierra Hearing Room.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Roger Mitchell at (858) 467-2724 or e-mail [rmitchell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmitchell@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date                      July 23, 2012

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